

KEARY BIRCH

SENIOR CONSULTANT

Expertise

Keary is widely known in industry for his expertise in Lean and Six Sigma. He is recognised for his pragmatic approach to Process Excellence and his ability to explain how to actually do practical Process Improvement. He is also part of the Systems Engineering delivery team for a number of large blue chip clients, such as BAE Systems and Rolls-Royce.

Since the mid-nineties Keary has worked with a large number of clients helping them improve their customer facing and internal processes. This has been through the design and delivery of training courses, leading, coaching and facilitating individuals and project teams involved with Process Improvement.

Keary has specific skills in:

- Lean Process Improvement
- Six Sigma for Process Improvement
- Project Management
- Project Support
- Team Coaching
- Systems Engineering Processes
- Systems Engineering Tools

Keary is a Six Sigma Master Black Belt and has coached and trained a large number of Green and Black Belts currently working in industry and the public sector.

Clients

Keary has worked with and continues to work with a large number of world-class companies that include; BAE SYSTEMS, Rolls-Royce, Lisi-Aerospace, Cooper Standard Automotive, Network Rail, Pilkington Glass, Johnson Matthey, the Post Office, British Energy, a number of Large Energy providers and financial institutes, several local authorities, and Vodafone. All of this work has been concerned with project-based process improvement.

He is currently part of the delivery team working with BAE Systems delivering Systems Thinking and Systems Engineering training. For a number of years Keary has been working with Rolls-Royce delivering Systems Engineering and Robust Design training aimed at embedding systems engineering concepts within the company.

History

Keary read Computing and Mathematics at the Polytechnic of Wales (now University of South Wales) for which he obtained a BSc with Distinction in 1985. In his early career Keary was employed by Foxboro Yoxall where he was trained as an Instrument technician. After his degree he worked for a number of companies working with systems as a programmer and support person.

Keary joined a team of consultants in 1990 and started to work in training and consultancy involved in process improvement and Design for Six Sigma. He worked with a number of large companies and was, towards his final few years with the firm, a major contributor to the design and delivery of the Six Sigma and Lean offerings.

In 2011 he left his long-term job with the consultancy and joined Burge Hughes Walsh. He is now involved in the delivery and consultancy of both Lean Six Sigma and the Systems Engineering/Thinking offerings of the company.